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Serial No: 09/946,044 Filing Date: 09/04/01
Applicant: AHRENS, H Docket No: 488
Examiner: CHERRY, J Art Unit: 3652
Title: **DEVICE TO AID IN CARRYING OBJECTS WITH THIN, FLEXIBLE HANDLES**

To: THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION - ELECTION

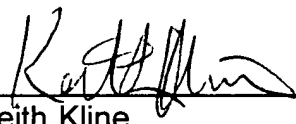
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 04/18/02, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

ELECTION

1. Applicant elects to restrict this application to the species designated by the Examiner as Species I, relating to Figs. 1-4, directed to claims 1-5.

Date: May 2, 2002



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Applicant: Steven P. Hamilton
Serial No.: 09/782,718
Filed: 02/13/01
Title: Apparatus and Method
For Transporting Motorcycles
Group Art Unit: 3652
Examiner: Steven A. Bratlie
Attorney Docket No. 58104-03

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED APRIL 18, 2002

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Sir:

This is a responds to the Restriction Requirement dated April 18, 2002 pertaining to the above referenced patent application. Reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments to the case and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 46 and 47 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are subject to a restriction requirement for allegedly claiming more than one distinct invention. In response, Applicant provisionally hereby elect claims 1-45 with traverse